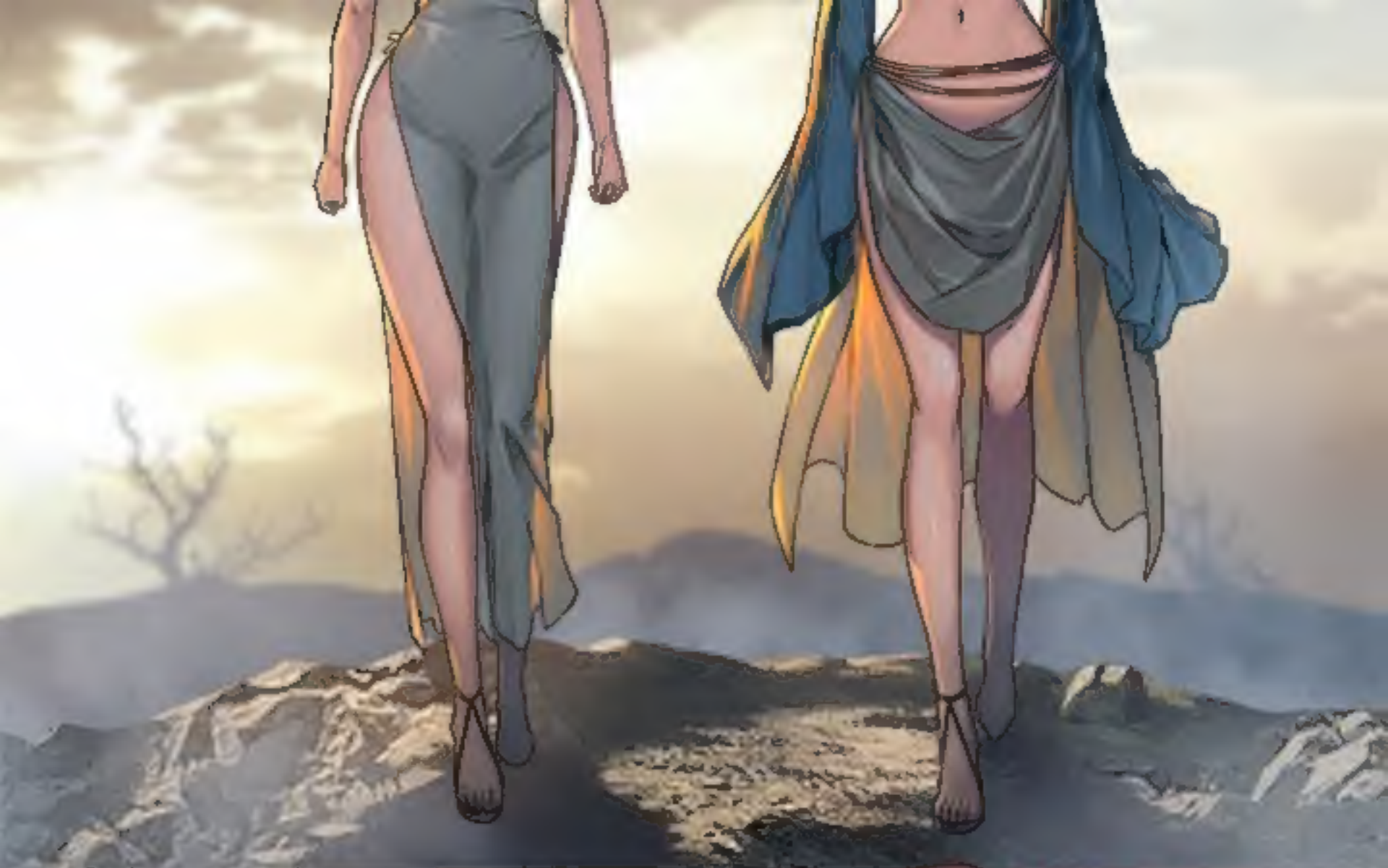



STEP

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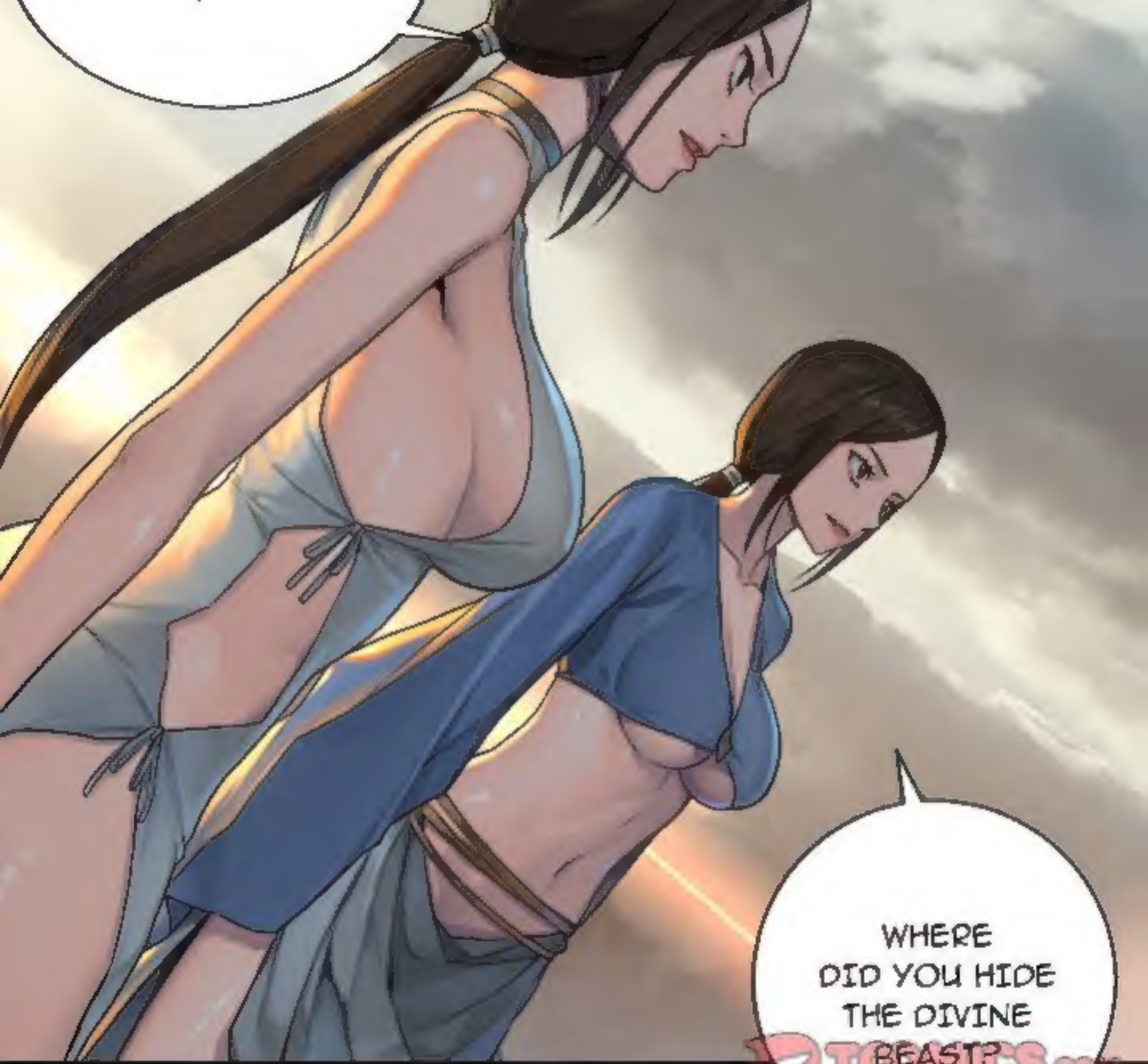
SO YOU'RE
NOT COMPLETELY
STUPID, AFTER
ALL.





BEATRICE,
FROM THE THIEVE'S
GUILD, ABYSS...






WHERE
DID YOU HIDE
THE DIVINE
BEAST?

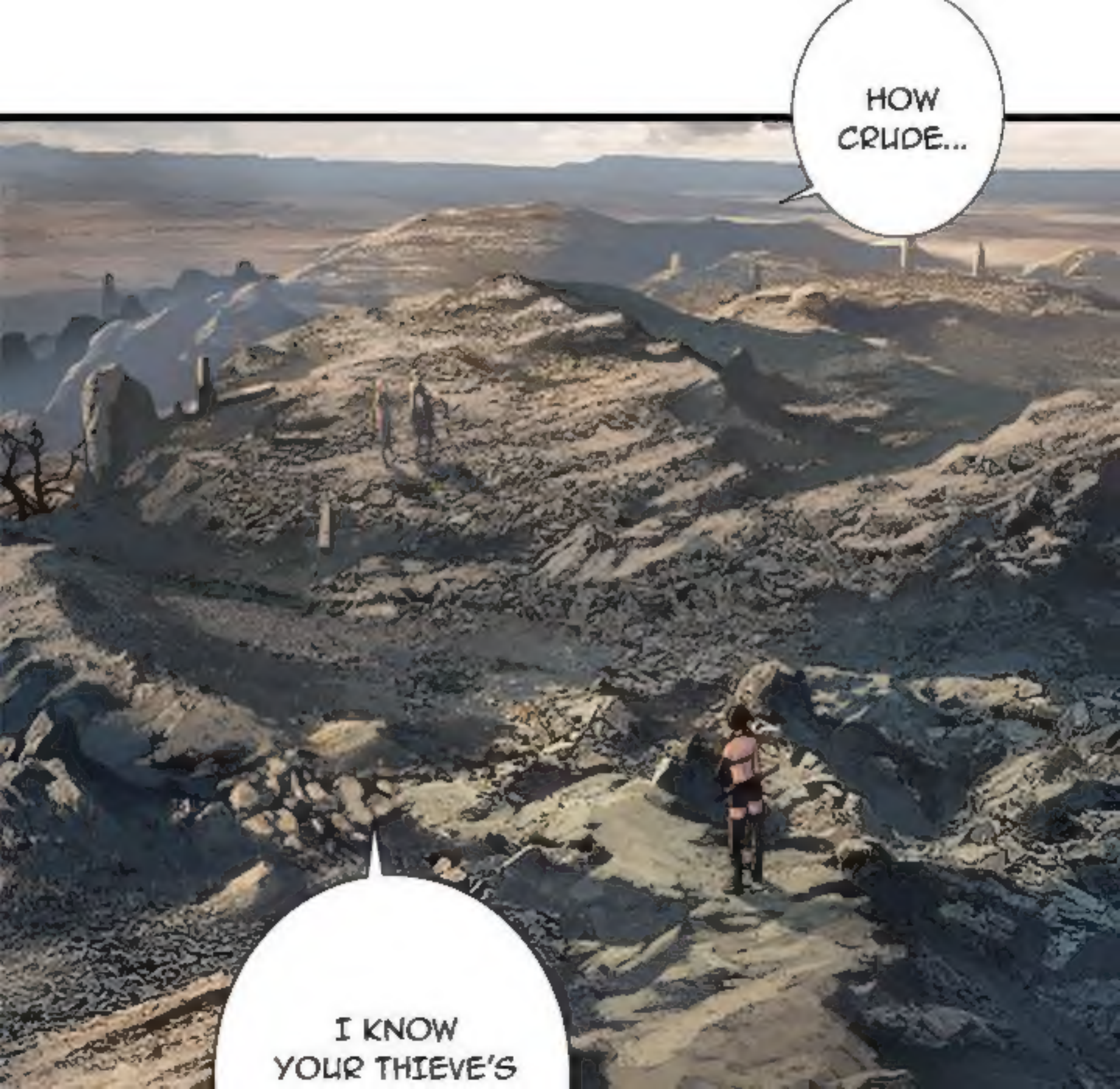
WHO
KNOWS?






YOU'RE PRETTY
KNOWLEDGEABLE
FOR SOMEONE WHO'S
BEEN SPENDING THEIR
TIME IN THE SHRINE
DOING NOTHING.

WHY DON'T
YOU FIND OUT
FOR YOURSELF.

A person is standing on a rocky, mountainous landscape, looking out over a vast, hazy horizon. The terrain is rugged and rocky, with some sparse vegetation. In the background, there are more mountains and a body of water. A speech bubble is visible in the upper right corner of the image.

HOW
CRUDE...

I KNOW
YOUR THIEVE'S



GUILD NEEDS
MONEY...

TO RECOVER
FROM THE PRICE
YOU PAID FOR
BETRAYING THE
LORD OF THE
WALL.

BUT TO
THINK YOU'D GO
SO FAR AS TO
RUIN THE NORTH
ANOTHER TIME

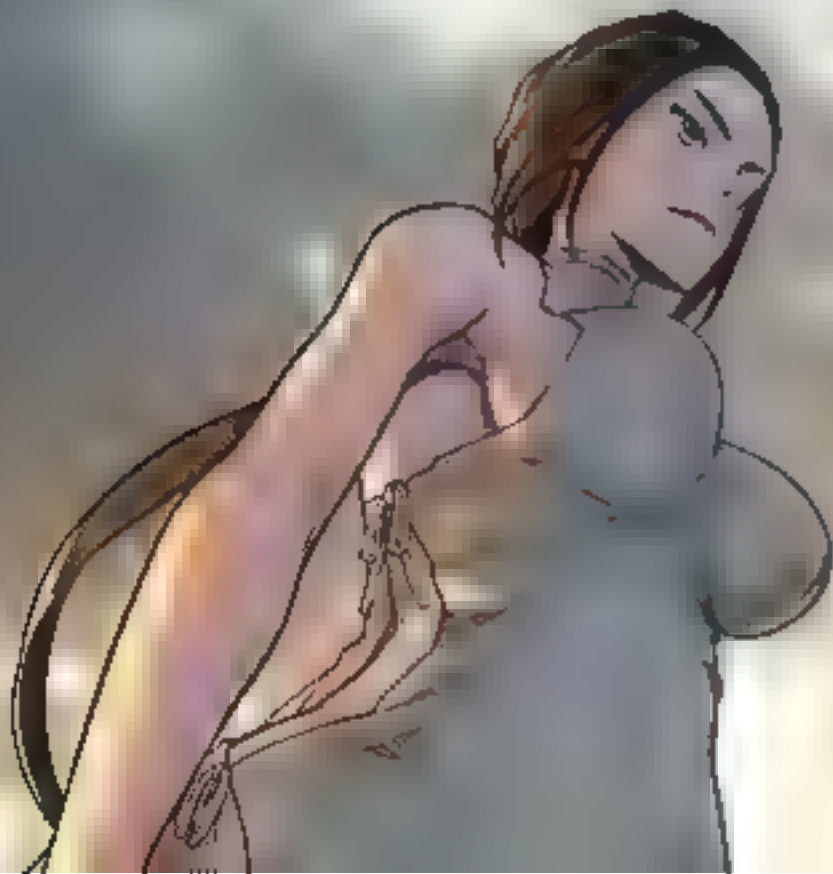
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ANOTHER TIME
JUST TO...

WE DIDN'T
DO THAT!




IF THE KINGS
OF THE CONTINENT
DIDN'T BELIEVE
THAT KALTOVIA
FELL INTO
DEPRIVITY...






THAT FILTHY
THIEF'S TONGUE
WOULDN'T BE
MOVING RIGHT
NOW.



THE PEOPLE
OF THE NORTH
ALREADY KNOW
IT WAS YOUR
DOING.



HER SUMMON



HMPH, AREN'T
YOU THE CRUDE
ONES?



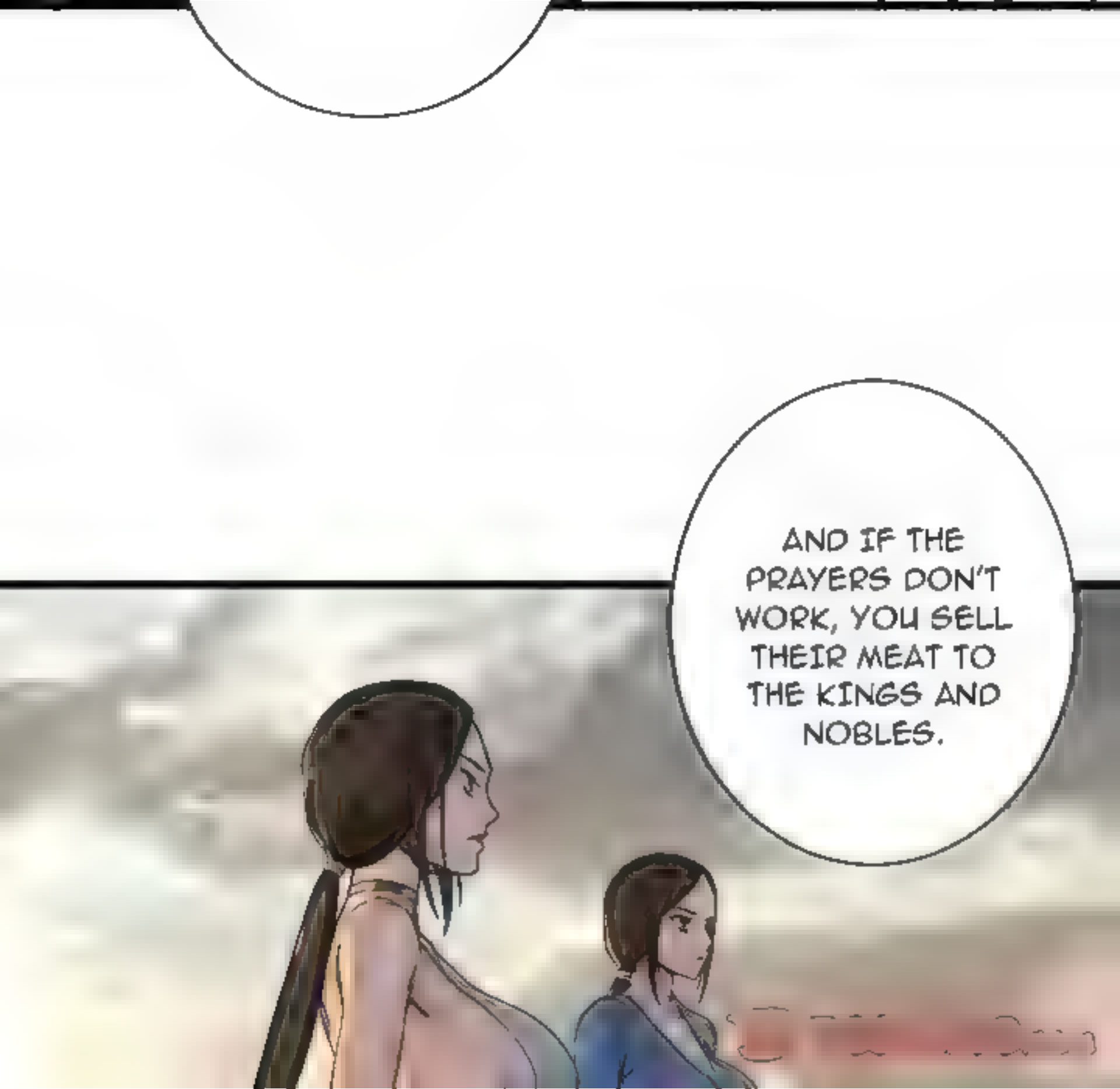
CREAK

YOU HUNT
DOWN A NEW
DIVINE BEAST
ONCE EVERY
FEW YEARS...




CLICK

LOCK THEM
UP IN THE TOWER
AND FORCE THEM
TO PRAY...



A comic panel with a light, hazy background. In the foreground, two women are shown from the chest up, looking towards the right. The woman on the left has long dark hair in a ponytail and is wearing a pinkish-brown top. The woman on the right has shorter dark hair and is wearing a blue top. A large, white, oval-shaped speech bubble is positioned in the upper right area of the panel. The text inside the bubble is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The overall style is that of a hand-drawn comic.

AND IF THE
PRAYERS DON'T
WORK, YOU SELL
THEIR MEAT TO
THE KINGS AND
NOBLES.



THERE WAS
NO DIVINE BEAST
APART FROM THE
ONE THAT KALTOVIA
BROUGHT
WITH HIM...

THAT COULD
SUMMON THE
STREAM OF
LIFE.




SHIIING

THUNK

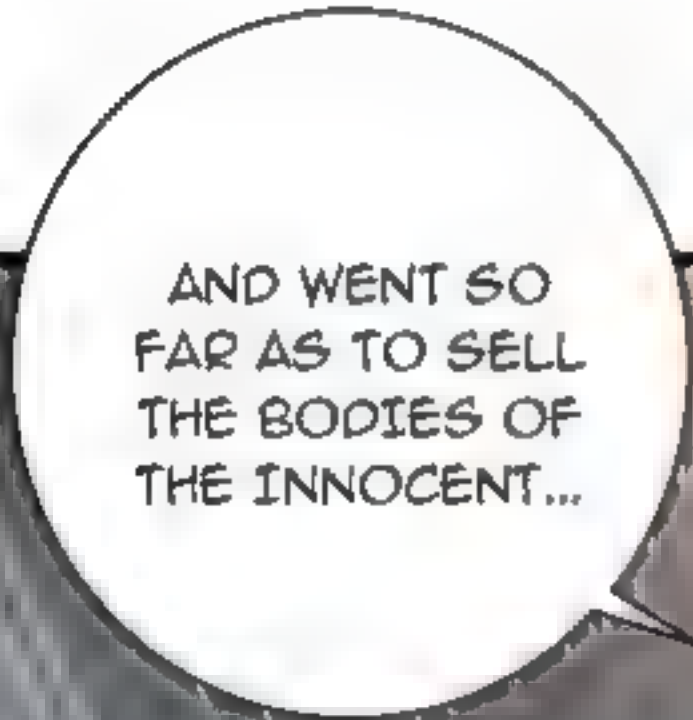
THUNK

THUNK

THUNK



YOU WEREN'T
SATISFIED WITH
TAKING MONEY FROM
THE POOR BY
DEMANDING
TRIBUTE...

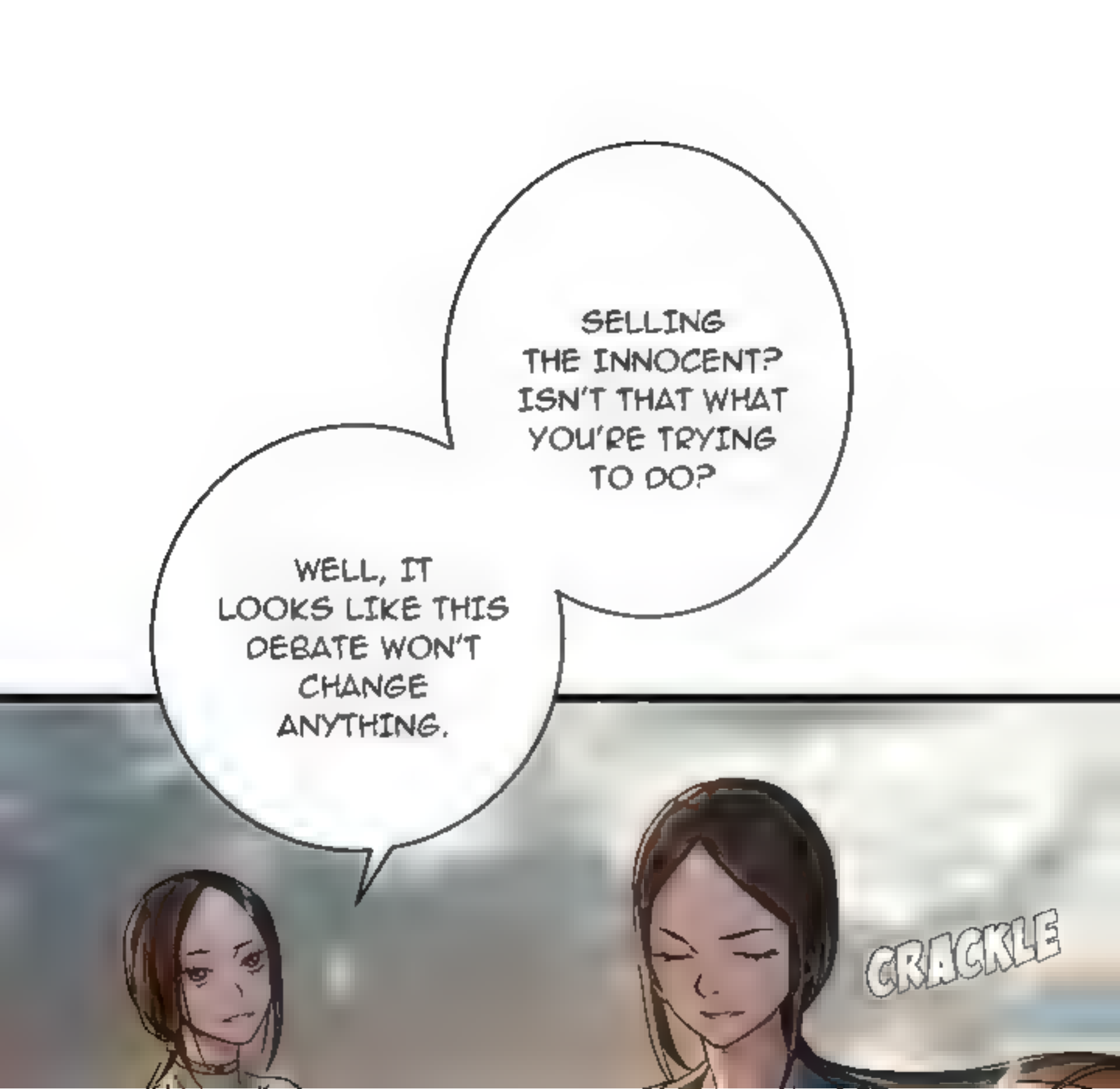


AND WENT SO
FAR AS TO SELL
THE BODIES OF
THE INNOCENT...





AND YOU
CALL ME
CRUDE?



SELLING
THE INNOCENT?
ISN'T THAT WHAT
YOU'RE TRYING
TO DO?

WELL, IT
LOOKS LIKE THIS
DEBATE WON'T
CHANGE
ANYTHING.

CRACKLE


A SUMMONING
ABILITY?

FWIP



I NEED
TO TAKE CARE
OF THEM...






BEFORE
THEY FINISH
THE SUMMON!




KABOOM

BOOM

BOOM



I NEARLY
FELL ASLEEP
LISTENING TO YOUR
INCANTATION.




YOU DAMN
SLOWPOKES.

USING A
SHELCON LIKE
THAT...

SWIIIRL

A woman with dark hair, wearing a black bikini top and dark boots, is shown from the waist down, standing on a dark, rocky, and uneven surface. She is looking down at something in her hands. A large, white, oval-shaped speech bubble is positioned to her left. In the bottom foreground, two other characters are visible: a woman with dark hair on the left and a woman with long dark hair on the right, both looking towards the main character.

YOU'RE
SMARTER
THAN YOU
LOOK.



SHE'S STILL
SUMMONING?
HOW?!

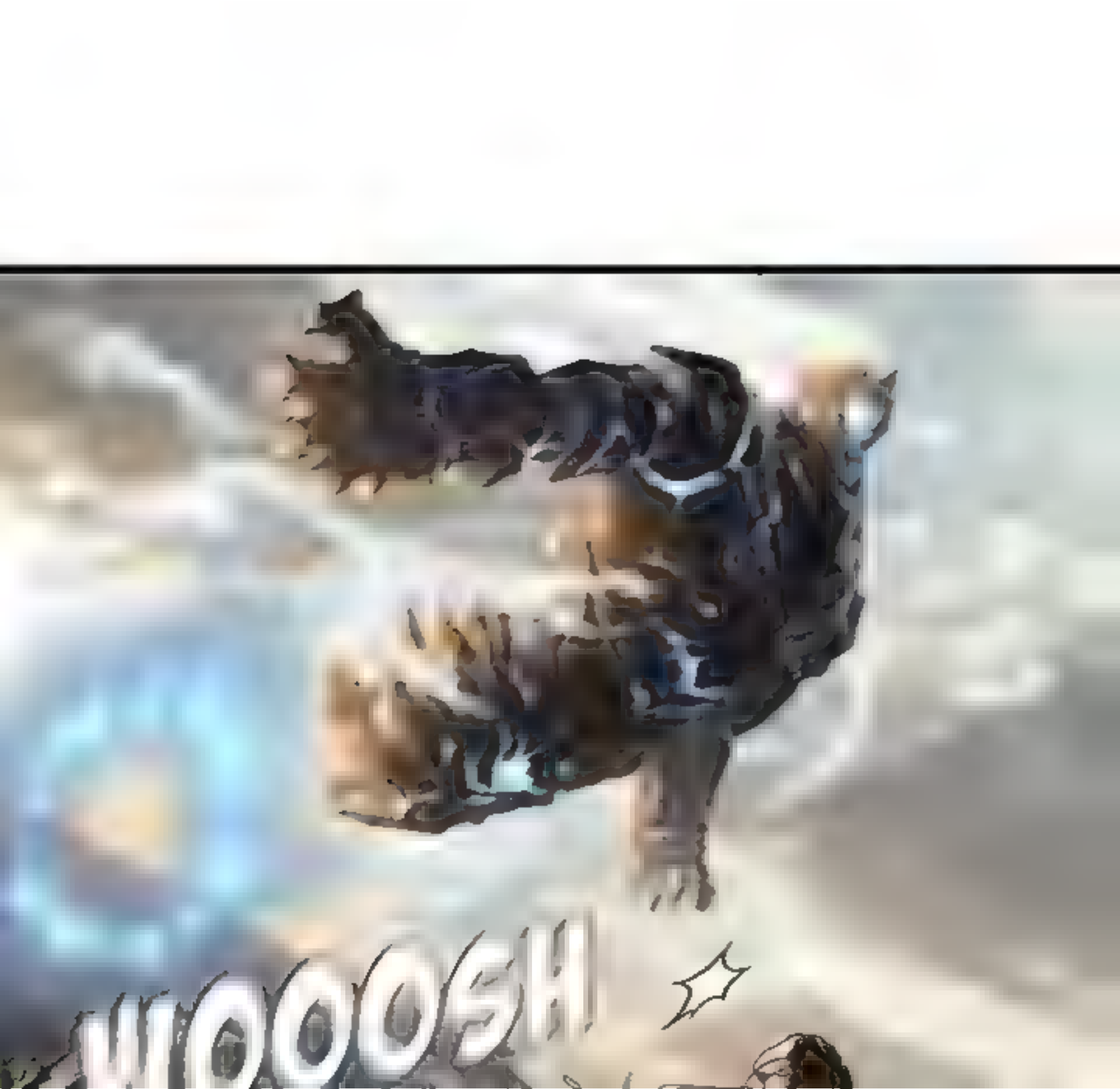
IF YOU'RE
GO GOOEE, I GUESS

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SO BORED, I GUESS
I'LL NEED TO
ENTERTAIN YOU!

FWIP

FLASH





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LEAP

LEAP

LEAP

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A character wearing a green and black outfit is shown falling through a dark, swirling vortex. The character is positioned at the top of the frame, with their body angled downwards. The background is filled with dark, swirling lines and a bright, glowing light source at the bottom, creating a sense of intense motion and danger.

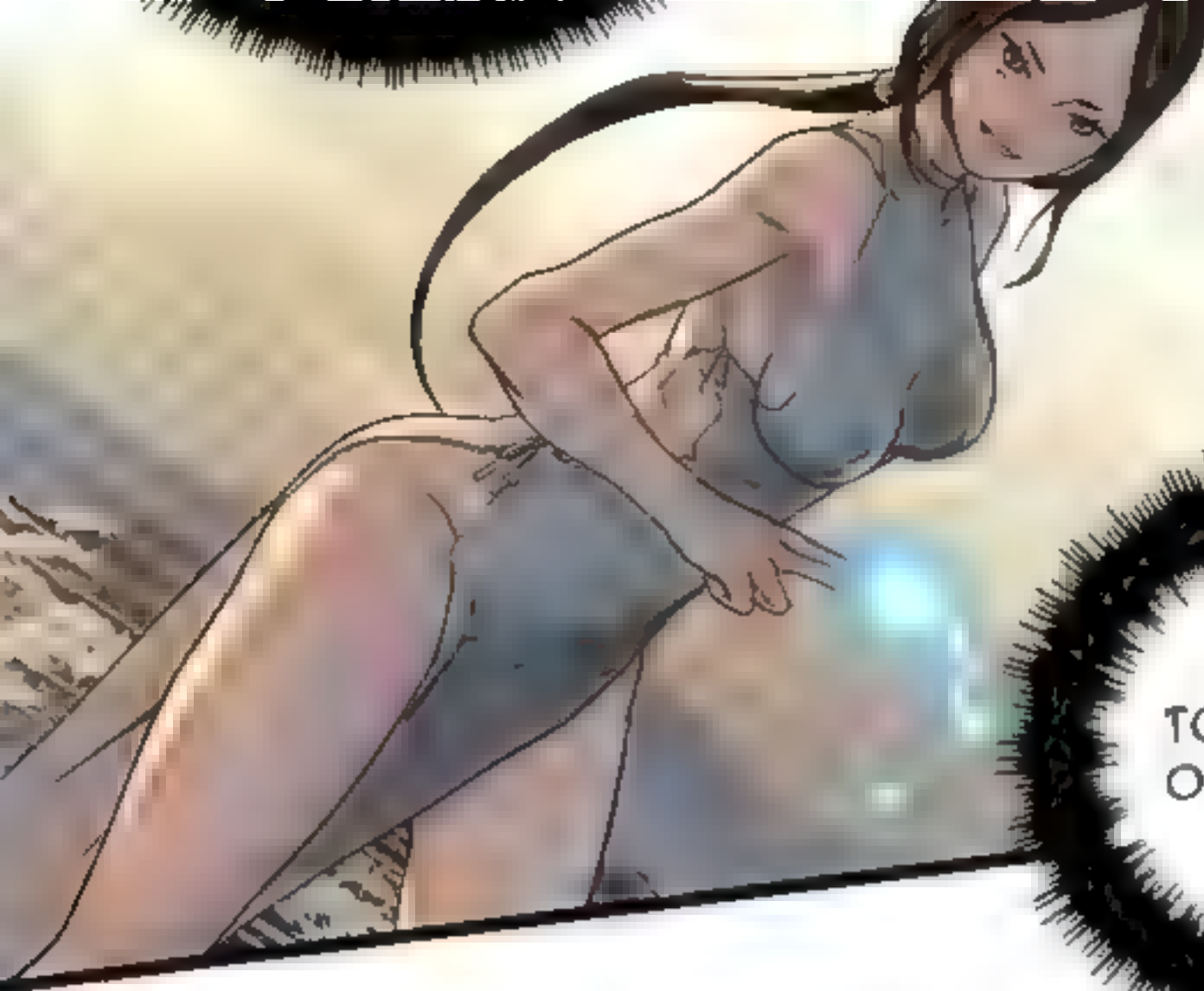
STUDDDD

ONE OF THEM
IS SUMMONING
A HIGH LEVEL
SPIRIT...



CLINK

AND THE
OTHER ONE IS
SUMMONING A
LOWER LEVEL ONE
QUICKLY...



TO KEEP ME
OCCUPIED?

THIS WON'T
BE EASY.

SHUING



SHINING


BUT...



SHWIP

SHWIP

I NEED
TO TAKE A
GAMBLE AND
ATTACK THE
SUMMONER!

A dynamic manga-style illustration showing a character's legs and feet in motion. The character is wearing dark, possibly black, boots. The background is a mix of grey and white, with heavy, expressive brushstrokes and motion lines suggesting a fast-paced action scene. In the bottom right corner, there is a circular speech bubble with a jagged, spiky border. Inside the bubble, the text "A FRONTAL ASSAULT IS THE ONLY WAY!" is written in a bold, sans-serif font. At the very bottom of the page, there is a red, stylized logo that appears to be "COMICS" or similar, with some additional text that is partially obscured.

A FRONTAL
ASSAULT IS THE
ONLY WAY!









FLASH

FLASH



FWIP







BOOM!

BOOM BOOM



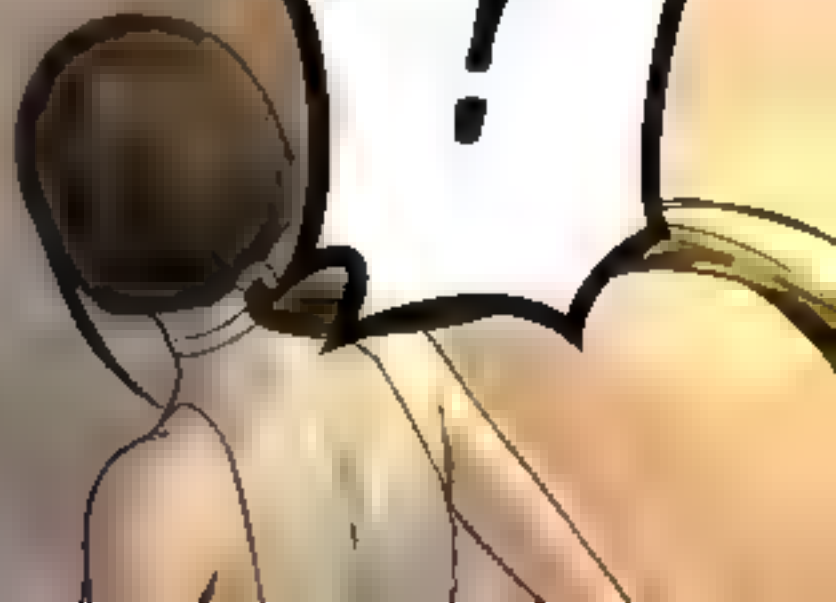
BOOM

BOOM

BOOM



WOOOOSH





A close-up, high-contrast image of a character's face. The character has a wide, toothy grin, showing sharp teeth. The image is heavily stylized with dark, thick outlines and a limited color palette of purples, pinks, and greys. A speech bubble is positioned to the left of the face.

GOTCHA!



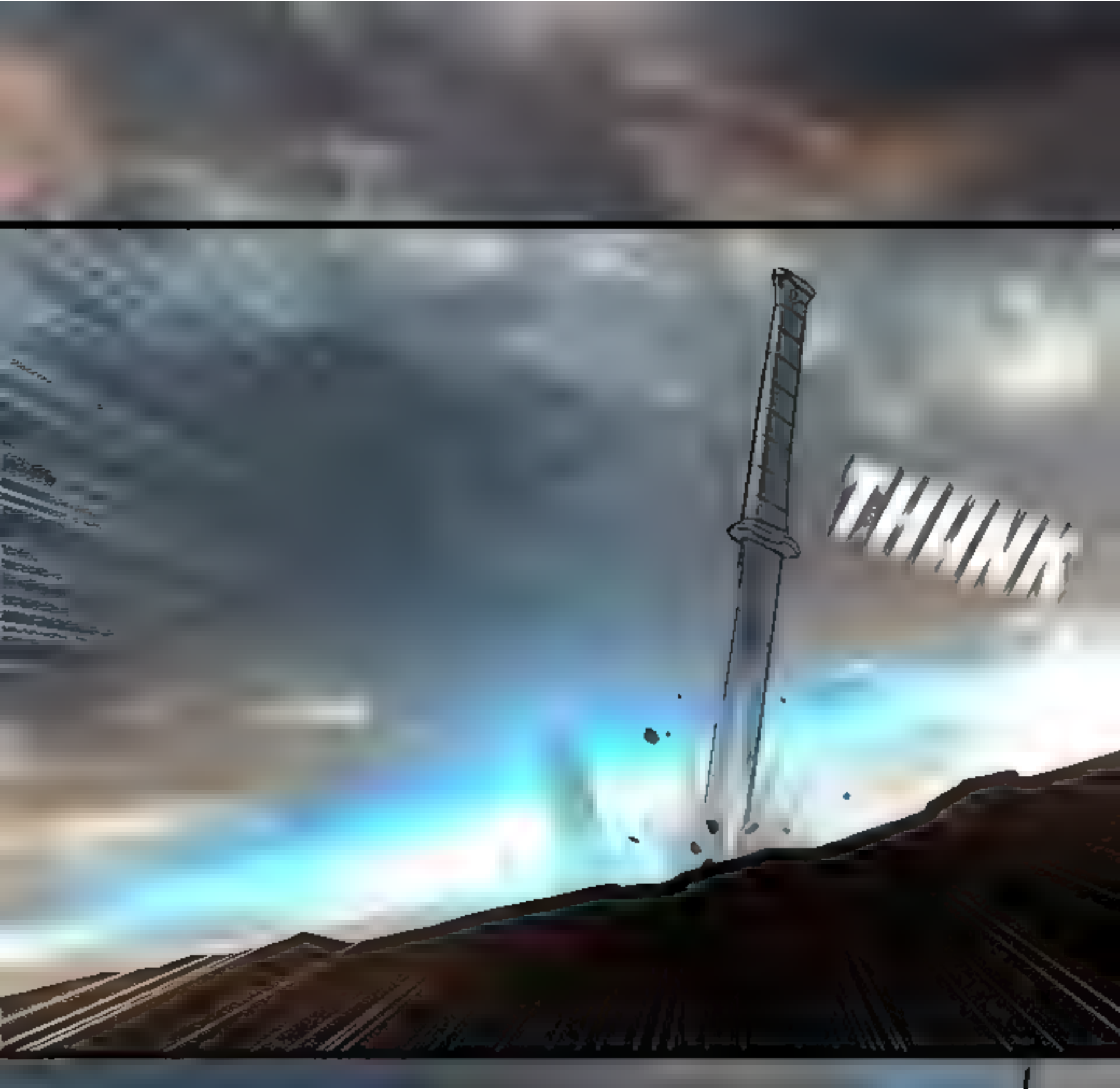


CLANG

CLANG



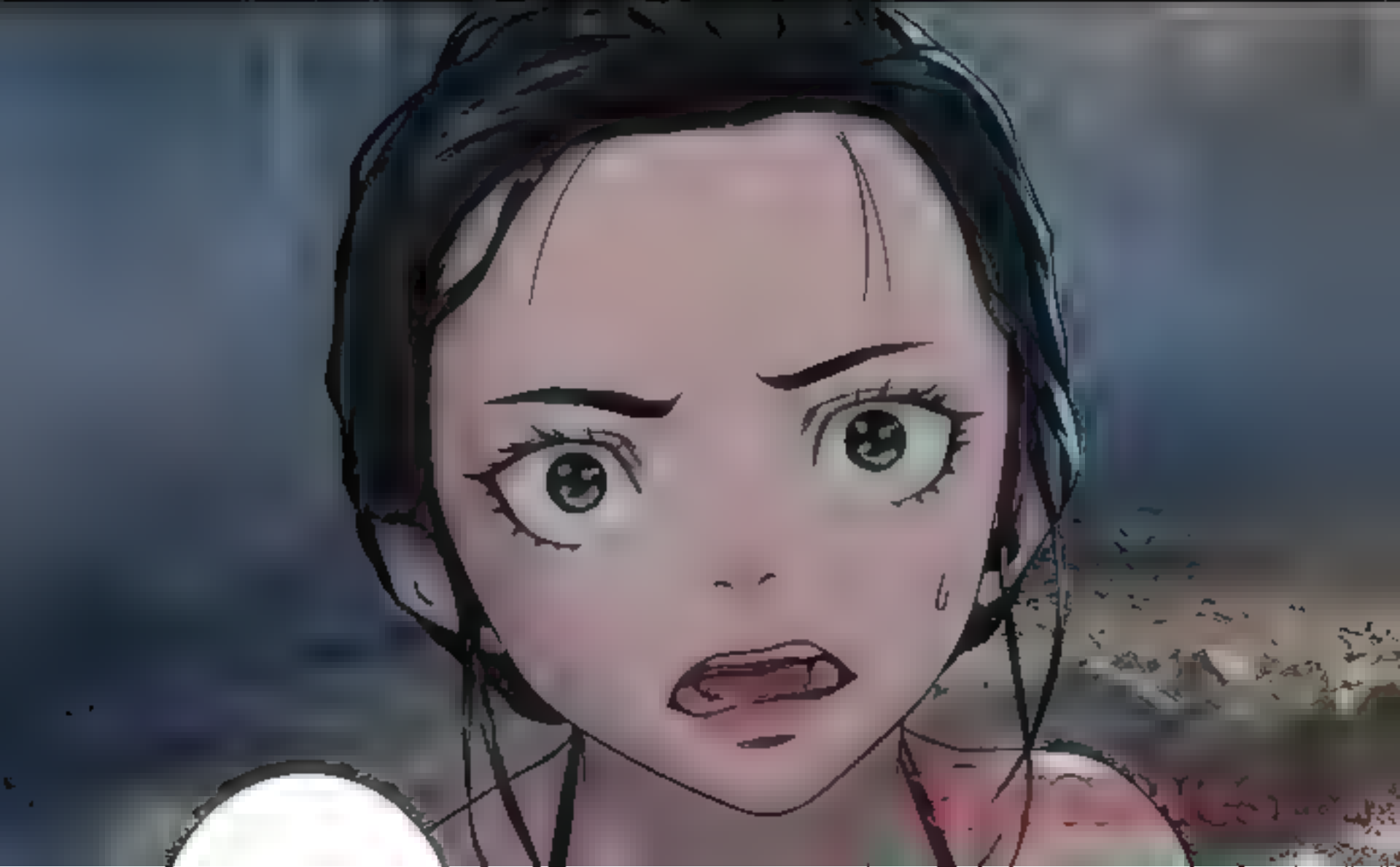
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SWIRL







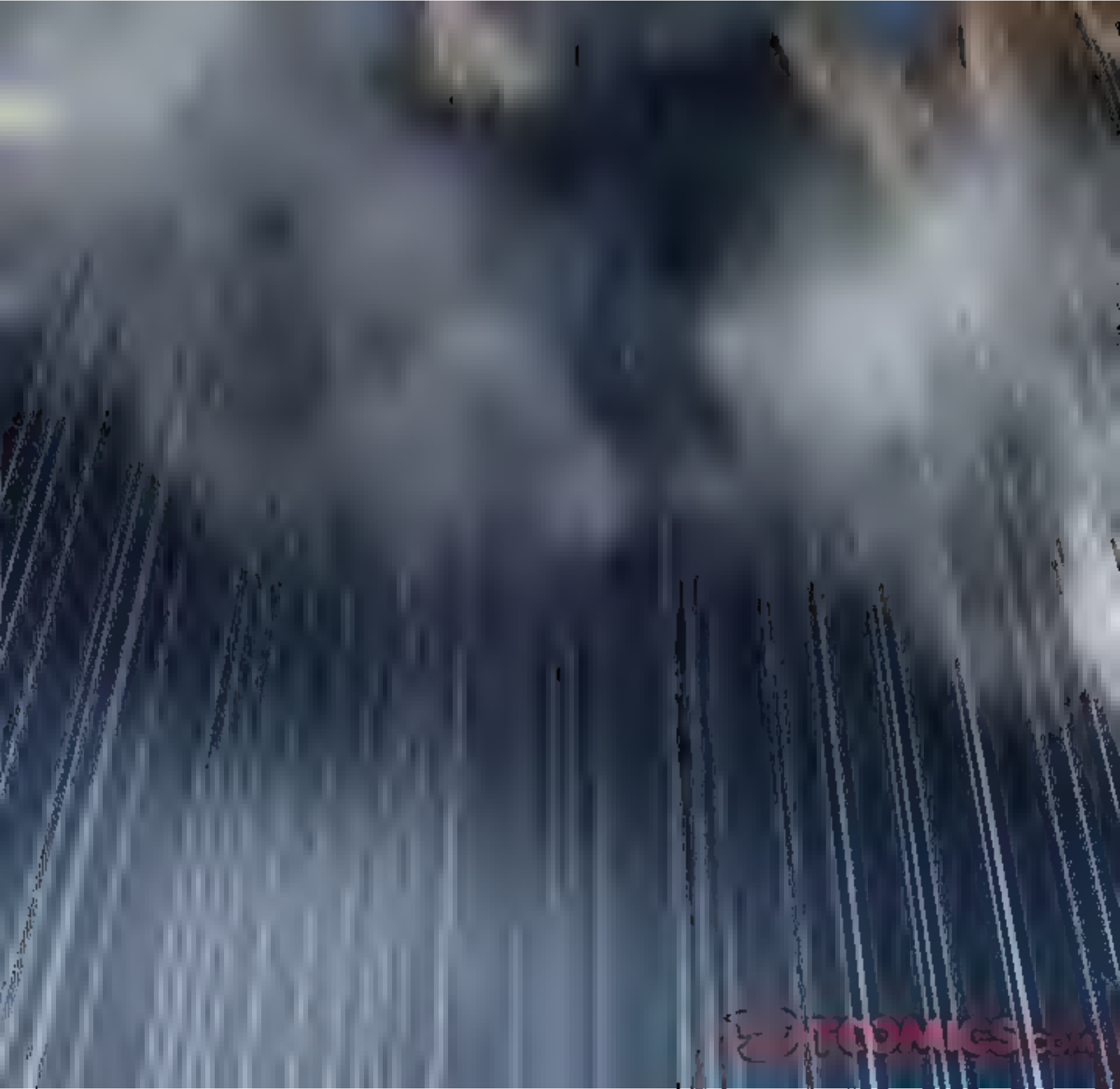
LOOKS
LIKE...



I HAD ENOUGH
TIME TO FINISH
IT, AFTER ALL.



КНВООИ

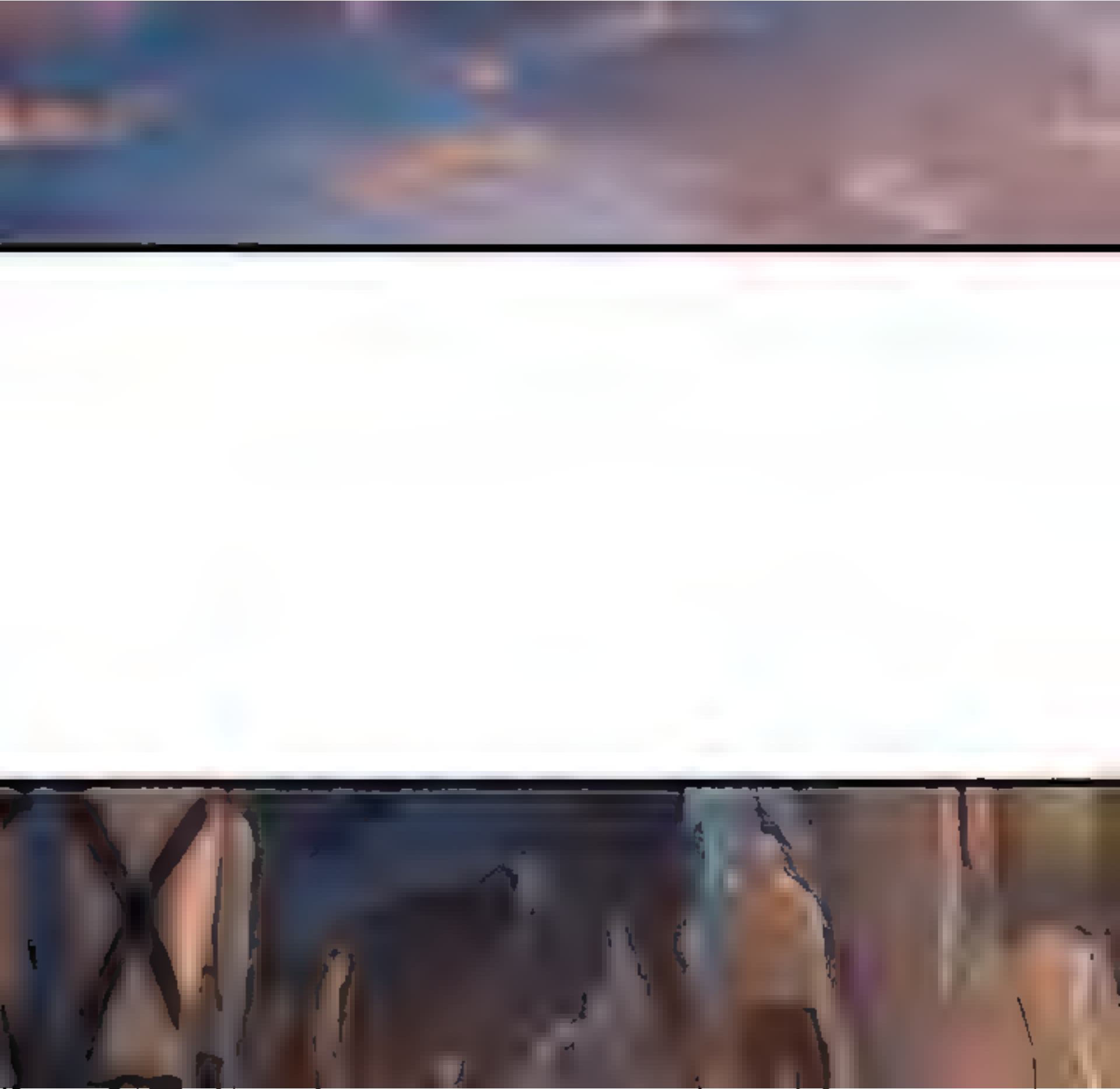


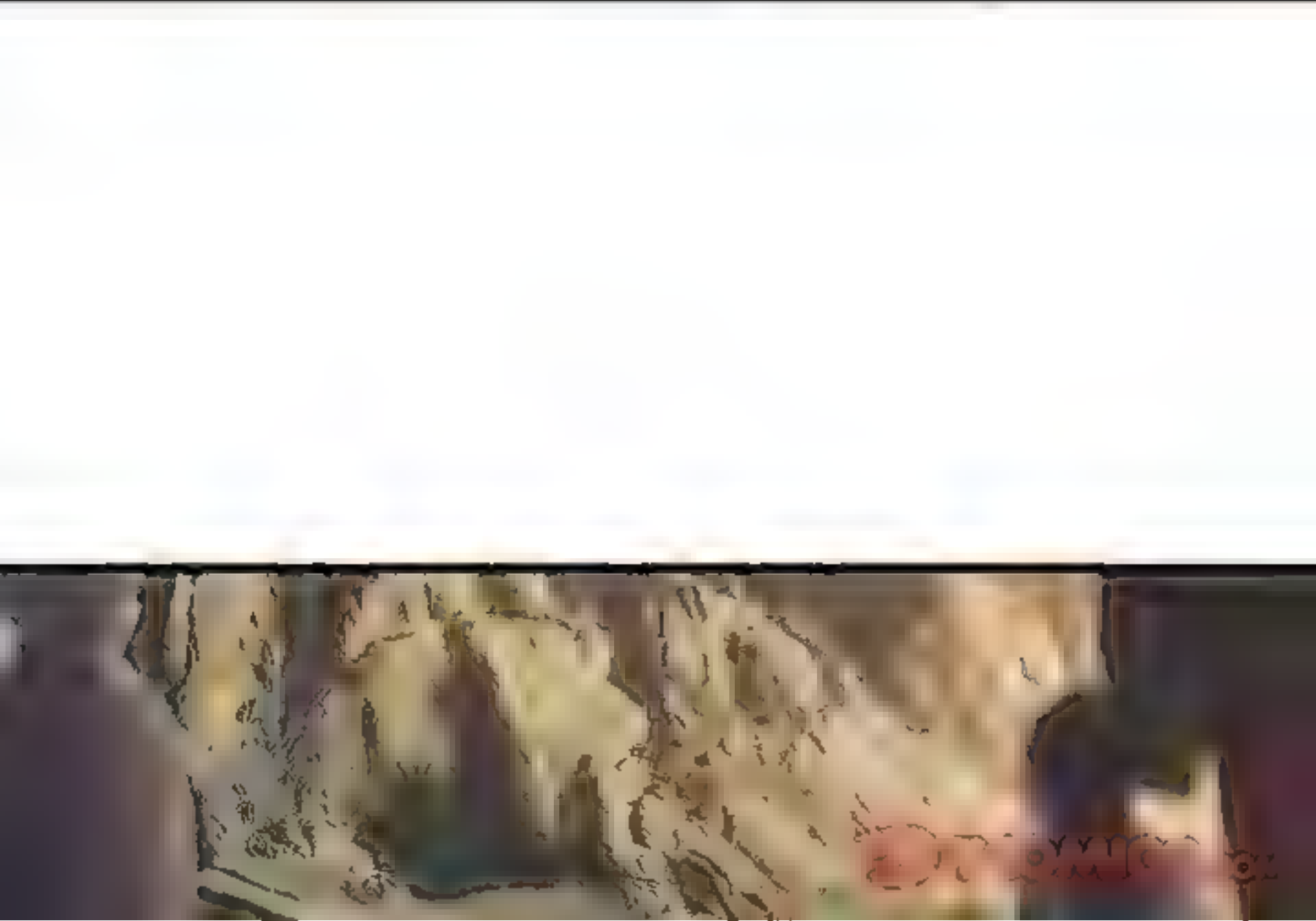




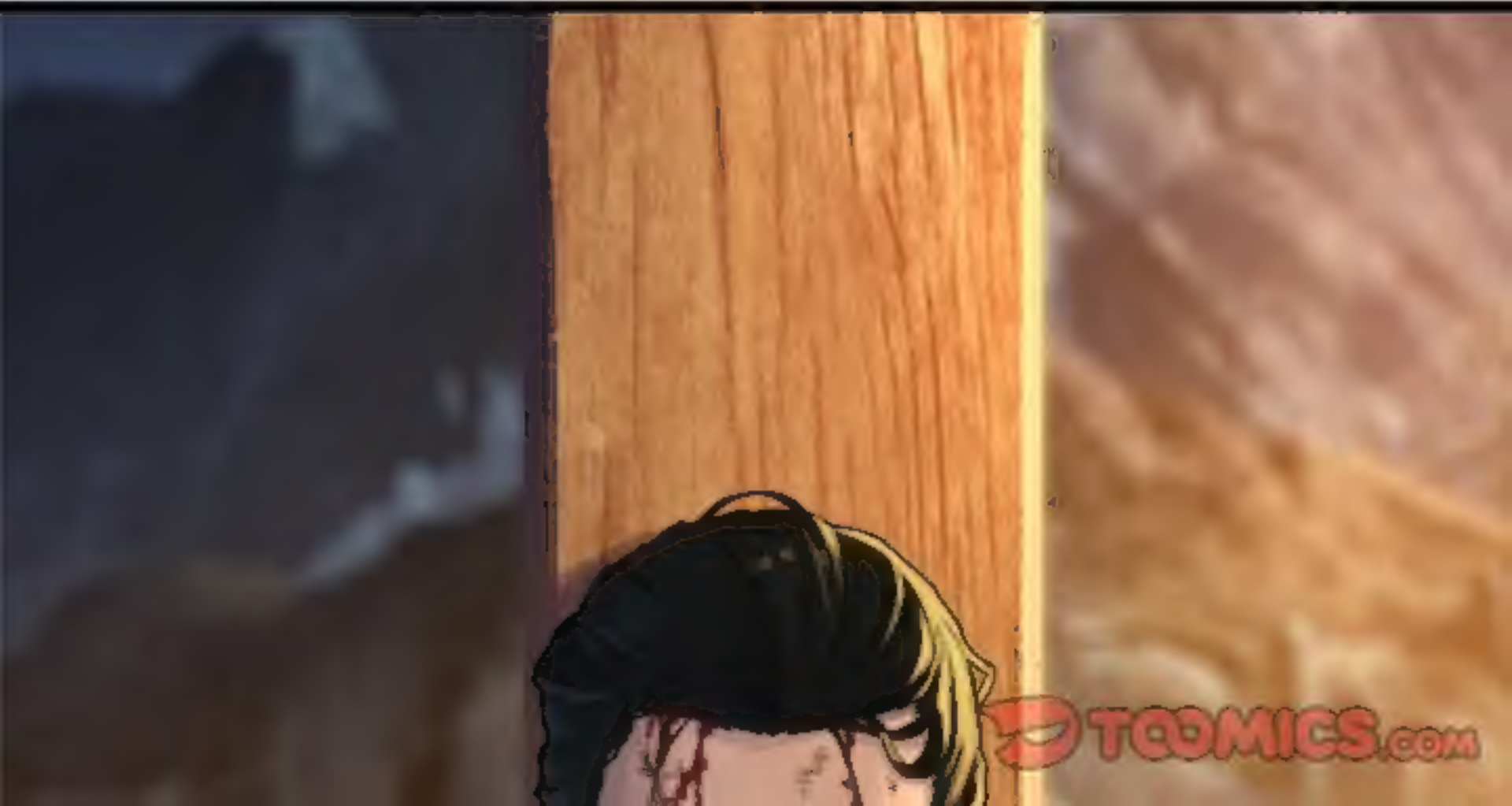
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HER SUMMON